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MINISTERIAL ON ARMS CUT-OFF

FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF PREPARED TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S MAY 22 OPENING STATEMENT TO CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING CONCERNING U.S. ARMS CUT-OFF:

BEGIN TEXT: ON THIS OCCASION, I FEEL COMPELLED TO TOUCH UPON AN IMPORTANT MATTER. THE ATTITUDE OF THE US CONGRESS TO LINK THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH THE MILITARY AID AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUPPLY TO TURKEY, CREATED A VERY REGRETTABLE SITUATION WHICH WOULD ENTAIL INEVITABLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE CLOSE COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND USA. WHILE US IS FURNISHING AND SELLING ARMS TO MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES, IT UNCLASSIFIED

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IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS OF THIS ATTITUDE

TO THE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION. I REGRET TO SAY THAT IF THE US POSITION ON THIS MATTER DOES NOT CHANGE WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, THIS SITUATION WILL GAIN PROPORTIONS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPERIL OUR RELATIONS. WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF BOTH PRESIDENT FORD'S AND DR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION WHICH WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS NOT ONLY ON THE TURKISH-USA RELATIONS BUT ALSO ON OUR DEFENSEPREPAREDNESS AND CONSEQUENTLY ON THE SECURITY OF THE REGION. END TEXT. MACOMBER

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